



# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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## **SOCIETY TO PARTICIPATE IN CENTENNIAL PROGRAM OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT NOVEMBER MEETING**

One hundred years ago, on November 21, 1871, the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield was organized. As we admire this church today on King's Highway with its membership of 2,500, it is difficult to go back a hundred years ago when 21 members came together to establish the church in Jacob Fowler's store on the northwest corner of Haddon Avenue and King's Highway.

Now celebrating its 100th anniversary with a month-long series of programs, the church has invited our Society to hold its November meeting there in Friendship Hall.

The program is a slide presentation entitled "A Church is Born," depicting the history and activities of the institution. It will be narrated by Mrs. Hurlburt Tomlin.

An interesting exhibit is mounted in the church parlor, displaying selections from the large collection of church archives including the original petition to the Presbytery of West Jersey for the organization of the church, early minutes of the various Boards, photographs, a cookbook compiled by the women of the church in 1906 to help defray the cost of the manse, and many other memorabilia.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**DATE: Tuesday, November 23**

**TIME: 8 P. M.**

**PLACE:** Friendship Hall,  
First Presbyterian Church of  
Haddonfield  
24 King's Highway, East

### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

This is also our annual business meeting. The slate of new officers to be elected at this meeting appears on page four of this Bulletin.

Other important business to be acted upon is the proposed new by-laws. The report of the by-laws committee also appears on page four.

### **COMING EVENT !**

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS  
AT GREENFIELD HALL**

**Sunday, December 12  
3 to 5 P. M.**

18th Century String Ensemble  
Wassail Bowl & Yuletide Treats

Donation . . . \$1.50

## **SOCIETY ACQUIRES DEEDS AND DATA ON ELIZABETH HADDON'S LIFE**

Our Historian, Mrs. Edna Haydock, reports this month on two very interesting gifts to the Historical Society Library:

One, a remarkable piece of research work done by our board member, Mr. Howard Kemble, follows through the search for information of where Longfellow obtained his material for his poem "Elizabeth" in the "Tales of a Wayside Inn." It is worthy of a program or publication, as it tells the story of a woman, L. Maria Childs, who was a writer and published a story in the Columbia Magazine in June, 1845, of Elizabeth Haddon's life.

It is indeed a rare addition to the Library.

The second gift is a group of deeds given by Mr. and Mrs. Mack, our members at 251 King's Highway East, the fine old early home built by Mathias Aspden.

Mr. Mack has done a great deal of research on this early property and the surrounding land, and has given our Historical Library copies of Deeds that name the owners of the adjacent properties. He has listed dates down though the years from these Deeds that give us much information on these early properties.

We deeply appreciate these gifts, knowing the time-consuming work of searching the Deeds in Trenton and the libraries for this material. Our Librarian, Mrs. Gertrude Hess, and our Histor-

ian, Mrs. Edna Haydock, join the membership in a sincere thank you for these important additions to our library.

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## **WOMAN'S COMMITTEE REPORTS "ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR"**

Mrs. Evelyn G. Grimm, Chairman of the Woman's Committee, reported that this has been another banner year for that hard-working and very creative group.

She wrote, "We have contributed our annual gift of \$500 to the Society. We have purchased many needed items—a heavy duty vacuum cleaner, a new lamp shade and pair of metal sconces. We underwrote \$50 towards the house-cleaning of Greenfield Hall.

"We are also continuing our popular candle making, under the guidance of Mary Carll and the Tole ware painting taught by Helen Streeter.

"The Village Fair Day was a great success. We were truly blessed with sunny skies. I wish to thank all of the members and their friends who contributed so much to making it both a community and financial success.

"We have an active membership of 50 who meet at the Society at 10 A. M., the fourth Tuesday of each month for coffee, a happy time, and a working meeting. Please join us! Just let any member know if you wish to come. We do enjoy good fellowship, fun and the anticipation of our future plans to make The Haddonfield Historical Society first in the State of New Jersey."

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## **HISTORIC DISTRICT CREATED BY REFERENDUM WILL PRESERVE HADDONFIELD'S ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

As we go to press I'm sure members will be happy to note that the ballot referendum on the Historic Preservation Ordinance passed with a wide margin—2770 to 1811. The Ordinance won all of the ten districts in Haddonfield. This historic event will prove of great benefit not only to this town but to New Jersey and the Nation. Haddonfield now has the distinction of taking its place along with the more than 200 Historic Districts in the United States. Those of us who worked for and supported historic preservation for this colonial town for many years can justly take pride in a notable achievement.

Louis H. Goettlemann, President

## ACQUISITIONS — 1971

by

**Martha K. Goettelmann, Chairman of Acquisitions**

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Estate Miss Anna R. Kay
2. Walnut upholstered Gothic Type Deacon Chairs—1876 from Centennial's New Jersey Building ..... Edward Braddock, donor.
3. Fireman's cap, coat & gloves, 1906—Haddonfield Fire Co. No. 1.  
Mrs. A. J. Yerpe
4. Colonial costume with wig and two steel engravings of Washington.  
Mrs. Wm. H. Clouse
5. Tucker cup from Rhoads collection ..... Mr. Robert Rockhill Rhoads
6. "Little Eva & Topsy" handmade doll ..... Mrs. Joseph W. Pennypacker
7. Hybrid DayLillies & planting at Greenfield Hall ..... Mrs. Thomas J. Bagley
8. Old cradle (child's) & 1865 Bisque Shell Doll & 33 late 19th Century & early 20th Century COOK BOOKS ..... Mrs. Thomas H. McGlade
9. Old pewter plate (for Keeping Rm. Mantel) ..... Mrs. Cyrus W. Hatfield
10. Three hundred piece set Haviland china and two Quaker Bonnets.  
Mrs. Arthur Nicholson
11. Broad axe, drill, block plane and old joiners moulding tools ..... Mr. Gene Stens
12. Silver service—C-1865, Victorian ..... Mr. and Mrs. William M. Amos
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14. Articles from 200th Anniversary—lace coverlet, 40 gloss photo plates taken about 1893 of Haddonfield; Envelope of papers dated 1953 of Samuel Rhoads legacy to Historical Society. .... Mrs. Josiah Willets
15. Large portrait painting of William G. Moore ..... Haddonfield American Legion
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18. Chamber pot and pins ..... Anonymous
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21. Small fan, paisley shawl, gloves and handkerchief, all wedding accessories from the Collins Family, 1798 or 1823; with an old ivory letter opener, and woman's dress 1823 ..... Mrs. E. W. Goff—from estate of Lillian Greer
22. Ice Skates 1863 and Old books ..... Mrs. Edna M. Antrobus
23. Book—"Etiquette for Ladies 1852"  
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**RARE ANTIQUE CHEST-ON-CHEST WILLED TO SOCIETY BY ANNA KAY  
MRS. EDNA HAYDOCK GIVES ACCOUNT OF HISTORIC KAY FAMILY**

**THE HISTORIC KAY FAMILY**

**by Edna Haydock**

Miss Anna Kay, a long time member of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, passed away in her 96th year and in her passing the Society has lost a deeply interested member.

She came down the male line of one of our early settlers and large land owners, John Kay. He was a leading citizen of our Newton Settlement, elected to the General Assembly of the Province of West New Jersey and returned to that office in 1703 and 1704. He was Speaker of the Assembly in 1710-11-12-13, and was one of the commissioners appointed to settle the line between East and West Jersey.

In 1710 John Kay purchased the tract of land which had belonged to William Lovejoy, part of the land of Richard Mathews lying south of the present King's Highway, joining the Francis Collins land at Ellis Street and extending to Cooper Creek, with an additional fifty acres of land lying beyond what is now Evans Pond, named Uxbridge.

The second home he built on this tract is still standing on the present Munn Lane. It is beyond Brace Road on the highest point of land in this area. The location of his first home is nearby. Both homes were built on a large tract of land he purchased from Francis Collins on the north side of the north branch of Cooper Creek near Barclay Farms.

In 1710 John Kay purchased The Free Lodge Mill which was included in his purchase of the land of William Lovejoy. It was so named because it gave free lodging to the farmers who brought grain there to be ground. The mill had only one set of burrs and could only grind about three bushels a day.

This mill was run by three generations of Kays and sold to the Evans in 1819. His son Isaac inherited the mill and built the dam forming Evans Pond, and a new mill on the north end of the dam breast with a home above the Pond, now owned by Mr. John W. Croft, Jr.

Miss Anna Kay's early home in Haddonfield was a fine old house at the corner of King's Highway and Chestnut Street. It was torn down and the Trust Company is located there.

Some years ago Miss Kay gave a collection of deeds of these early land purchases to our Historical Society collection.

Now her lawyer has just notified the Society that she willed to the Society a rare early chest-on-chest. It is a choice piece in walnut which will join the fine collection of gifts from our members in beautiful Greenfield Hall.

In all probability the original owners of many of these pieces knew each other in the long ago. We are deeply grateful for this inheritance.

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Haddonfield, New Jersey

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**SOCIETY TO VOTE  
ON NEW BY-LAWS**

The report of the by-laws committee is as follows:

"This committee has worked diligently over the summer on extensive changes to our by-laws. Copies of our present and the new proposed by-laws were given to all officers and committee chairmen after submission at our Board of Directors meeting September 28, 1971.

They will be presented for a vote by the membership at our Annual Meeting November 23, and the membership is hereby so notified as directed."

Mrs. Thomas H. McGlade, Chairman

Mrs. M. Elmond Neeley, Jr.

Mrs. Louis H. Goettlemann

**A MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT**

"THIS IS HADDONFIELD," the popular book published by our Society, is a favorite of giver and recipient for Christmas. Friends in and out of Haddonfield have found it a fascinating history of a unique town. It is now \$7.50 and a welcome addition to anyone's library. Send your orders in now.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

In accordance with our by-laws, nominees for election to office are required to be published before the Annual Business Meeting in November. The following report was submitted by the nominating committee:

**Mrs. Wm. E. Moody, Jr., Chairman**  
**Mrs. M. Elmond Neeley, Mr. Robert J. Dalton, Mr. B. Dexter Streefer.**

**For 2nd Vice President—**

**Mrs. David S. Lenhart**

**For 3rd Vice President—**

**Mr. Kendall F. Ware**

**Recording Secretary—**

**Mrs. John Majka**

**Five Trustees for CLASS 1974—**

**Mrs. Thomas H. McGlade**

**Mr. Robert J. Dalton**

**Mr. Siddons Harper, Jr.**

**Mr. John Majka**

**Mrs. James G. Aiken**

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